Safe Family Holiday DUI Checkpoint

Operation Checkpoint StrikeForce Activated this weekend in conjunction with the Safe Family Holiday DUI Enforcement Campaign

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Dover, Del. (December 13, 2019) — The <u>Delaware Office of Highway Safety</u> is coordinating Operation Checkpoint Strikeforce in each county statewide this weekend as part of the Safe Family Holiday DUI enforcement campaign, which is ongoing throughout the state this holiday season.

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, <u>Delaware State Police</u> and local law enforcement will be conducting DUI checkpoints in all three counties from 10 PM into Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 2 AM, as follows:

NCC — Limestone Road, Wilmington

KC - US 13. Dover

SC - SR 54, Fenwick Island

So far in 2019, there are 20 confirmed DUI fatalities (note: this number is not final as there are crashes still under investigation for impairment).

"Our office wants to reinforce the need to plan ahead during this busy time of year. If you are joining your coworkers for a holiday party after work, or meeting family at a restaurant for your holiday festivities, and plan to drink, make sure you have a sober ride home and arrive alive," said *Delaware Office* of *Highway Safety Director*, *Kimberly Chesser*. "There is no excuse for driving impaired. Give your loved ones the gift of you this holiday season and make sure you get home safely."

In addition to the Safe Family Holiday DUI Checkpoints, OHS wants to remind the public of best practices for a safe night on the roads this holiday season:

- If you plan to drink, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.
- Find a safe ride statewide from the OHS Safe Ride resource link https://www.arrivealivede.com/Drive-Sober/Safe-Rides#wilmington.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement, when safe to do so.
- Have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely. They're worth it.

For more information on the consequences of driving impaired, visit https://www.arrivealivede.com/Drive-Sober/Consequences.

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